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**GB2RS News**

**Sunday the 21st of January 2024**

**The news headlines:**

* **British Science Week is approaching**
* **Updates on the RSGB’s Strategic Priorities**
* **RSGB election deadline reminder**

This year’s British Science Week runs from the 8th to the 17th of March with the theme of Time. This event is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of amateur radio in your local area. The RSGB has some great activity ideas you could try at your local school, Scout or Guiding group or local youth club. Go to the web page at rsgb.org/bsw and click on the activity titles to find everything you need to know to be able to run that activity. Several radio clubs from across the UK have already planned outreach activities for British Science Week and the RSGB hopes its resources will inspire you to get involved too! RSGB volunteer John Hislop, G7OHO has provided these ideas but the Society would love to add other activities to enthuse young people about wireless communication. If you have an amateur radio activity on the theme of Time that you’d like to share, or if you’d like to get involved but aren’t sure how to start, please direct enquiries to the RSGB British Science Week contact, Ian Neal, M0KEO. Ian’s contact details will soon be available at rsgb.org/bsw

At the Discussion with the Board session at the RSGB 2023 Convention, the RSGB President, John McCullagh, GI4BWM confirmed that the Board would keep members updated regularly on progress with the new strategic priorities. Two updates have now appeared in the January and February issues of RadCom and they are also available to read on the RSGB website. These updates highlight some important activities and achievements as well as new plans, so the Society encourages every member to take the time to read them. Go to rsgb.org/strategy and choose the ‘Strategy priorities updates’ option from the righthand list. Further updates are being prepared so do check back regularly or look out for them in each RadCom. You can also watch the Discussion with the Board Convention session on the RSGB’s YouTube channel at youtube.com/theRSGB

The deadline for applications for the one elected RSGB Board Director position and eight Regional Representative roles is Wednesday the 31st of January. Amateur radio needs a strong and active national society so don’t leave it to everyone else, step forward for one of these roles and play your part in the future of the RSGB. You'll find guidance and candidate forms on the RSGB elections web page at rsgb.org/election as well as contact details if you want an informal chat before standing for election.

A reminder that the RSGB is looking for four licensed radio amateurs to help raise the profile of wireless communication amongst young people across the UK. We have had a good response, but we’d still like to hear from prospective volunteers in Northern Ireland and Wales. These volunteer Youth Country Representatives will represent the RSGB at externally organised events and will plan and deliver outreach activities. If you have plenty of ideas, a passion for getting young people involved in amateur radio and experience of running small-scale events, we would be very keen to hear from you. The deadline is Friday the 16th of February. For full details, see rsgb.org/volunteers and for an informal discussion, please email RSGB Board Director, Ben Lloyd, GW4BML at gw4bml@rsgb.org.uk

GB2RS began broadcasting via the Es’hail-2 amateur satellite in May 2021. Every Sunday at 0800UTC you can hear the latest RSGB news on the dedicated narrow-band QO-100 transponder frequency of 10489.855MHz. This has proved so popular that, by kind permission of AMSAT-DL, from 4th of February 2024 we’re introducing a second reading at 2100UTC. This will suit our international audience in the western lobe of the footprint. The existing team of three Newsreaders is looking for another volunteer to join them. If you are an RSGB member with a good QO-100 facility, and would be interested in broadcasting the news, please contact the GB2RS Manager, Steve, G4HPE at gb2rs.manager@rsgb.org.uk for further details.

During February, the RSGB’s Photo Friday focus on social media is all about clubs. If you’d like your club to be included, let the RSGB comms team know what you've been up to, who's been involved and share all the brilliant things you've been doing. Email [comms@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:comms@rsgb.org.uk) by the 31st of January with a brief summary of the activity and some photos, and please make sure that everyone in the photo is happy to have their face on social media!

Chris Deacon, G4IFX has been awarded a PhD from the University of Bath after completing research on propagation. His thesis was entitled: “Radio propagation through ionospheric Sporadic-E”. This part-time work over many years involved looking at Sporadic-E on the 6m band, including making novel measurements of signal amplitude, phase, derived doppler, polarisation and potentially time delay to discover the nature of sporadic-E propagation at VHF frequencies. The RSGB Propagation Studies Committee congratulates Chris on this fantastic achievement. You can find out more by searching for Chris’ name on the University of Bath research portal at researchportal.bath.ac.uk Chris has done a number of presentations about propagation at RSGB Conventions over the years, which you can see on the RSGB YouTube channel at youtube.com/theRSGB

**And now for details of rallies and events**

The Lincoln Short Wave Club Winter Radio Rally will take place on Sunday the 28th of January at The Festival Hall, Caistor Road, Market Rasen, LN8 3HT. The doors will be open from 9am and admission is £2. Ample free car parking and hot refreshments will be available. Tables cost £10 each. At 2pm, after the Rally, there will be a used equipment auction. Items for the auction will be booked in from 1pm. Contact Steve, M5ZZZ for tables and details via m5zzz@outlook.com or 07777 699 069.

The Canvey Rally will be held on Sunday the 4th of February at Cornelius Vermuyden [VER-MOW-DEN] School, Dinant Avenue, Canvey, Essex, SS8 9QS. The Rally is expected to be the usual hive of activity with plenty of traders on site. For more information contact Richard Stanley on 07725 551 263 or email g7oed@icloud.com

The MIDCARS Radioactive Rally will be held on Sunday the 11th of February at Nantwich Civic Hall, Market Street, Nantwich, CW5 5DG. The doors open at 10am and admission is £5. There will be a wide variety of trader stalls covering every aspect of amateur radio. Raffles will be held throughout the Rally. Refreshments and snacks will be available in the hall and parking is immediately adjacent to the venue.

**Now the Special Event News**

A team of German amateurs is operating special event callsign DM24EHF until the 28th of January. The EHF suffix stands for European Handball Federation. The 16th edition of the European Men's Handball Championship is being hosted in Germany from the 10th to the 28th of January. QSL via the bureau, or directly to DL2VFR.

The Straight Key Century Club's Straight Key Month is currently underway. The annual on-air event commemorates the Club's founding in 2006 and celebrates the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy including straight keys, bugs and ‘cootie’ keys. Listen out for the K3Y callsign which is being aired from the ten US call areas. Information on the event and QSL instructions can be found at skccgroup.com/k3y

“Discovering Marconi” is an international amateur radio diploma organised by the ARI Radio Club of Fidenza in Italy. Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of the great Italian scientist in 1874, this award aims to delve deeper into the thought, vision, capacity and character of Guglielmo Marconi. More details of special callsigns and award rules can be found at arifidenza.it

**Now the DX news**

Chris, WA7RAR will be active as 8P9CB from Barbados, NA-021, until the 25th of January. Most of his operations will be portable at various locations, especially Parks on the Air sites. He will be QRV on the 20 to 10m bands using CW and SSB. QSL via Logbook of the World, or directly to WA7RAR.

Listen out for Bob, V4/N4RF who is active from Saint Kitts, NA-104, until the 25th of January. He will operate mainly CW, with some FT8 and SSB. QSL via Logbook of the World is preferred but is also available directly via his home call.

**Now the contest news**

On Tuesday the 23rd, the SHF UK Activity Contest runs from 1930 to 2230UTC. Using all modes on the 13cm band, the exchange is signal report, serial number and locator.

The CQ 160m DX Contest starts at 2200UTC on Friday the 26th and ends at 2200UTC on Sunday the 28th. Using CW on the 160m band, the exchange is signal report and CQ zone. American stations send their state and Canadian stations send their province.

The British Amateur Radio Teledata Group RTTY Sprint starts at 1200UTC on Saturday the 27th and ends at 1200UTC on Sunday the 28th. Using RTTY on the 80 to 10m bands, where contests are permitted, the exchange is serial number.

The UK Six Metre Group Winter Marathon began on Friday the 1st of December 2023. The contest will run until the 31st of January 2024. Using all modes on the 6m band, the exchange is signal report and locator.

**Now the radio propagation report, compiled by G0KYA, G3YLA, and G4BAO on Thursday the 18th of January 2024**

We had yet another week with good solar conditions which, at this point in the cycle, is good news. The solar flux index remained in the 170s to 180s range and the Sun is currently peppered with spots.

The Kp index never got above 3.33 and that was only for one three-hour period on January the 16th.

We were also lucky with solar flares in that we only had minor C-class flares to contend with. An eruption was observed beyond the west limb on January the 14th. The event generated a fast-moving coronal mass ejection, or CME, but it was directed away from our planet.

Daytime MUFs over 3,000km remain high at more than 28MHz. At night this reduces to around 6.9 to 9.5MHz, meaning only the 40m band is mainly open to DX, if at all.

HF-wise, this is the best time for low-band DXing, such as 40m band contacts with New Zealand around sunrise, and overnight QSOs on the 80m band with the USA.

Other DX being worked by members of CDXC includes XU7AKU in Cambodia on 40m CW in the early evening; V31XX in Belize, and VP9KF in Bermuda, on 30m CW around 1000UTC; and E20AX in Thailand on 40m CW around 0930UTC.

Next week, NOAA predicts that the solar flux index may remain in the 160 to 170 range with a maximum Kp index of 2. As always, take that Kp prediction with a pinch of salt as a single Earth-facing coronal mass ejection could send it sky-high with an accompanying lowering of the MUF and generally poor conditions.

**And now the VHF and up propagation news from G3YLA and G4BAO**

The main theme of the VHF and up propagation options is that we have three distinct phases coming up.

The first phase is set to end today, the 21st. This will be the final blast of the cold northerly wind, which may produce some rain scatter near coasts from snow showers. It is probably not especially useful for Tropo, even inland, except perhaps for local overnight temporary short-distance enhancements due to surface cooling and night frosts.

Phase two is the transition to very unsettled, wet and windy weather, which starts to arrive during this weekend, ending the 21st, and generally sets the pattern for much of the coming week. Maybe it will be a rain scatter option for the GHz bands, but the main radio consideration will be wind potentially damaging antennas, particularly in the south.

Phase three will be the introduction of a weak ridge of high pressure over southern Britain in the second half of the coming week and the following weekend. This could bring some more productive Tropo to southern parts of the UK, especially into the last weekend of the month.

Other propagation modes are available, but don’t seem to be elevated beyond chance occurrences for meteor scatter or aurora. There is a vanishingly small chance of Sporadic-E, as we are in the minimum period for this sort of propagation until after Easter.

For EME operators, Moon declination is positive and rising, reaching maximum on the 23rd. Path losses increase all week until apogee on Monday the 29th. 144MHz sky noise is low to moderate this coming week.

And that’s all from the propagation team this week.

**Next, the Local News:**

**Please note that details of all RSGB-affiliated clubs and societies can be found on the RSGB website, including email addresses and website links where known.**

[Please read the local news items appropriate to the service area of your transmission.]

**NEWS FOR THE MIDLANDS**

Meetings of Bolsover Amateur Radio Society take place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month starting at 8pm at the Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover, S44 6PX. Vin, G4KSY, 01246 827135

Bromsgrove and District Amateur Radio Club meets every Friday from 8pm. Members also have a regular coffee morning on Wednesdays in the Club’s shack from 10.30am. On Monday and Wednesday evenings there are nets on 145.375MHz from 7.30pm. Alan, G4LVK, 07886 000 052

Burton Amateur Radio Club has open nets around 145.575MHz at 10am on Sundays and 8pm on Thursdays. On Monday, there will be slow CW exercise on 14.055MHz from 11am. The Club meets every Wednesday from 7.30pm. Barry, M0ISZ, 01283 540570

Cheltenham Amateur Radio Association has daily nets on 145.400MHz at 8.10am. On Sundays there is a net on 50.220MHz at 8.30am, followed by a net on 144.060MHz at 8pm. On Tuesday, there is slow CW on 3540kHz and up from 8pm. Wednesday sees a net on 144.350MHz from 8pm. The Friday net is via the GB3RC repeater from 8pm. committee@g5bk.uk

Dudley and District Amateur Radio Society meets every Tuesday, from 6 to 10pm, at Ruiton Mill, 59 Vale Street, Upper Gornal, Dudley, DY3 3XF. Keith, M0WYZ, keithm0wyz@gmail.com

Gloucester Amateur Radio and Electronics Society has an informal net every day on 145.475MHz FM at 3.30pm. Members are having an informal meeting on Monday. On Wednesday, there is a net from 7.30pm on 145.475MHz FM. Thursday sees another net from 7.30pm on 145.475MHz FM, moving to 80m SSB later on. On Friday, there is a net from 7.30pm on 432.220MHz SSB. Anne, 2E1GKY, 01242 699 595 daytime, g4aym.org.uk

On Wednesday, Hinckley Amateur Radio and Electronics Society will be listening to a talk on satellite operation by Tim, GW4VXE. Michel Dixon, G4GHJ, hinckleyradiosociety@gmail.com

Kettering and District Amateur Radio Society has a breakfast meeting from 10am on Sundays. On Tuesday, there is a club meeting from 7pm. Thursday sees a net on 145.300MHz from 7pm. Les, 2E0MNZ, les@moylehousehold.co.uk

On Tuesday, Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club will be listening to a talk entitled ‘A view of QRP’ by Tim, M0ZRR. Chris, G1ETZ, 01509 504 319, g1etz@aol.com

There will be an informal meeting of Malvern Hills Radio Amateurs Club on Tuesday. On Wednesday, there will be a net on 145.350MHz FM from 8pm. mhrac.org

On Wednesday, Midland Amateur Radio Society is meeting. Members will be on the air and running training classes. Norman, G8BHE, 0780 807 8003

On Thursday, Northampton Radio Club is meeting for a natter night. For more information, visit northamptonradioclub.co.uk Richard, 2E0RKJ, secretary@northamptonradioclub.co.uk

On Monday, Nunsfield House Amateur Radio Group is having a shack night and club net on 145.300MHz from 8pm. On Friday, members will be meeting to discuss the history of the British Inland Waterways on the Air event. Paul, G1GSZ, pr@nharg.org.uk

On Monday, RAF Waddington Amateur Radio Club has a net on 145.325MHz from 7.30pm. There is CW practice at 8pm on 144.085MHz on Wednesday. On Friday, the club will be meeting at the Pyewipe from 8pm. g0raf.co.uk

Rugby Amateur Transmitting Society has weekday nets at 8.30am on 144.275MHz USB. Training and practice CW nets take place on Monday and Thursday at 4.30pm on 144.275MHz, initially using USB then CW. On Friday, there is a net from 8pm on 1913kHz. The Society will be meeting from 2pm on Saturday at the Boughton Leigh 12th Rugby Scouts Hut. Steve, G8LYB, 01788 578 940

Salop Amateur Radio Society is meeting on Thursday. More information is available at salopradiosociety.org

On Sundays, South Birmingham Radio Society has ‘activities in the attic with Bob’. Visitors are welcome to attend the Society’s Tuesday coffee morning from 10.30am. Gordon, M6GKG, gemmagordonm6gkg@gmail.com

On Monday, South Normanton, Alfreton and District Amateur Radio Club is having a junk sale. Tuesday sees the Club net around 145.450MHz from 7pm. Alan Jones, M0OLT, secretary@snadarc.com

On Sundays, Stafford and Districts Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Wednesdays, members meet at Wildwood Community Centre from 8pm.  [g3sbl.org.uk](https://lsems.gravityzone.bitdefender.com/scan/aHR0cHM6Ly9nM3NibC5vcmcudWsv/5FA08F2D1D6321C6E055644EE82B5D67422C787193ED094D4A2D42E85580569F?c=1&i=1&docs=1)

On Monday, Sutton Coldfield Amateur Radio Society is meeting at The Pavilion, 9 Openfield Croft, Water Orton from 8pm. Robert Bird, rob2e0zap@gmail.com

On Wednesday, Telford and District Amateur Radio Society will be discussing ‘Radio-related Linux’ with John, M0JZH. m0jzh@yahoo.co.uk

Wolverhampton Amateur Radio Society meets every Wednesday, from 7.30pm, at the Wednesfield and Woodend British Legion. On Sundays there is a net around 145.350MHz from 8pm. For more information visit [wolverhamptonars.co.uk](https://lsems.gravityzone.bitdefender.com/scan/aHR0cDovL3d3dy53b2x2ZXJoYW1wdG9uYXJzLmNvLnVrLw==/F69C40A4F870B195DEB11030886406E7AD7EBA7A96C22DE27DBA3F987069AE21?c=1&i=1&docs=1) or visit @wolvesars on social Media. Andrew, 2E0YEZ, 01902 762603

On Tuesday, Wythall Radio Club will be meeting at Wythall House from 7.30pm. Chris, G3YHF, 0795 839 5904

**NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND**

Barnsley and District Amateur Radio Club has a meeting and social evening from 7pm every Tuesday. David, G4TMZ, g6aj@outlook.com

Bishop Auckland Radio Amateur Club will be meeting at the Village Hall, Stanley Crook on Thursday evening from 7.30pm. Please visit the Club’s website via barac.org.uk for more details.

On Sundays, everyone is welcome to join in with Bury Radio Society’s net on 144.550MHz FM at 6pm. buryradiosociety.org.uk

On Saturdays and Sundays, Central Lancashire Amateur Radio Club has a net on 1.938MHz from 11am. On Thursdays, the Club has a net on 433.425MHz FM from 8pm. Nonie, G3TNN, secretary.clarc@gmail.com

On Tuesday, Chester and District Radio Society will be discussing the projects that were submitted by the entrants to its recent construction contest. For more information about the Society see chesterdars.org.uk

On Sundays, Durham and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 50.575MHz from 7pm. The net moves to 70.350MHz at 7pm on Monday. The Society meets every Wednesday from 6.30pm. On Saturdays, there is a net on 145.425MHz from 7pm. g4euz.com/club

On Tuesday East Ardsley Radio Society is having an on-the-air night from 6.30pm. On Thursday there will be an on-the-air night and social evening from 6.30pm. ears.radio

On Sunday evenings, East Cleveland Amateur Radio Club joins the open Teesside net around 145.425MHz from 8pm to 9pm. [alistair.mackay@talk21.com](mailto:alistair.mackay@talk21.com)

On Wednesday, Furness Amateur Radio Society will be listening to a talk about the refurbishment of a Clark mast. Friday sees the club net on 145.325MHz. For more information visit fars.org.uk info@fars.org.uk

On Sundays, Gilmore and North West Morse Radio Club has a CW net on 144.064MHz from 3pm. This Sunday, the 21st, there will be a CW net on 28.080MHz from 7.30pm. Next Sunday, the 28th, there will be a C4FM net on 144.925MHz from 7.30pm. Heth, M6HNS, 0773 503 6267

Halifax and District Amateur Radio Society holds regular evening nets from Monday to Thursday starting at 7pm. Full details of these and all club events can be found on the Society’s website. Max Townend, G4SDX, george.townend@btinternet.com

On Wednesday, Hambleton Amateur Radio Society will be meeting at the Mencap Centre in Northallerton from 7.30pm. hambletonars.wordpress.com

Hartlepool Amateur Radio Club meets on a Friday evening at the Hartlepool Scout Centre, 236 Stockton Road, Hartlepool TS25 1JW from 7 to 9pm. The Club welcomes anyone with an interest in amateur radio. Help with preparation for amateur radio exams is available and the Club is registered for those wishing to take amateur radio exams. New members are welcome. For more information contact Stan, G7VGM via stan.g7vgm@gmail.com

Houghton-Le-Spring Amateur Radio Club has an SSTV net on Sundays from 8pm on 144.700MHz FM. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday there will be Morse tuition and practice from 8pm on 144.700MHz FM. On Tuesday there is a meeting from 6pm at Dubmire Royal British Legion Club. Thursday sees a CW net on 144.060MHz from 8.30pm. On Friday, there is a net on 145.450MHz FM, for general chat, from 9pm. George, M5GHT, 0191 548 8995

On Monday, Hull and District Amateur Radio Society has a net via the GB3HS repeater from 7.30pm. The Society’s Thursday net is on 145.325MHz FM from 7.30pm. [g8rem@icloud.com](mailto:g8rem@icloud.com)

Last week’s meeting of the Isle of Man Amateur Radio Society was cancelled due to snow. Updates on future meetings will be provided on the Society’s website and Facebook page. The Society has a net via the GB3IM repeater network after the 11am GB2RS news bulletin and on Wednesday nights at 6.40pm on the IM repeater. The Sunday nets are on 3.715MHz and 7.115MHz at 9.30am and 10pm. twitter.com/IOMARS7

On Monday, Macclesfield and District Radio Society will be meeting to undertake maintenance of its shack. Greg, M0TXX, info@gx4mws.uk

Maltby and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting from 6pm on Friday. maltbyradio.org.uk

On Sundays, Oldham Radio Club has a net on XLX305A at 9.30am. The Wednesday net starts on 145.500MHz FM at 8pm. Mike, M1CVL, 0740 276 3203

On Sundays, Otley Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.450MHz from 7.15pm. Tuesday sees a club night at Clifton Village Hall from 7.30pm. On Friday there will be an SSB net on 144.350MHz from 7.30pm. otleyradio.org

Pontefract and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting at The Grange, Carleton Community Centre, from 7.30pm. On Thursday, members will be on the air from the same location. Nigel G0BPK, g0bpk@roydmoor.com

On Wednesday, Sheffield and District Wireless Society will be enjoying a presentation by Dave, M5DWI entitled ‘Hands-on data modes operation’. David Hayes, M0GDX, david4001@protonmail.com

On Tuesday, South Manchester Radio Club has a net on 145.475MHz FM from 8pm. On Thursday, members will be celebrating Burn’s Night. Dave, G4MVU, 07518913300, smrcc.org.uk

On Thursday, Spen Valley Amateur Radio Society has a net around 145.450MHz FM from 8pm. Malcolm, 2E0IOX, Spenvalleyars@gmail.com

On Tuesday, Stockport Radio Society has a net on 51.550MHz from 7.30pm. On Wednesday there will be a club net on 145.375MHz from 2pm. Thursday sees a net via GB3MR, and Webex, from 7.30pm. Next Sunday sees the Society’s Club Net on 145.375MHz from 10.30am. info@g8srs.co.uk

On Monday, Thornton Cleveleys Amateur Radio Society is meeting at Cleveleys Community Centre from 8pm. tcars.radio@gmail.com

Warrington Amateur Radio Club has ‘Solder Sunday’ every week from 2pm. On Tuesday, members are meeting from 8pm in their clubroom and via Zoom. On Thursday, members will be meeting for a coffee morning at 10am. Dave, G8KBB, Secretary@warc.org.uk

On Monday, Wearside Electronics and Amateur Radio Society will be meeting from 6pm at Herrington 2nd Scout Headquarters, Crow lane, Herrington, Sunderland. The Society has a fully-dedicated shack with HF, 6m, 2m and 70cm equipment, as well as C4FM and DMR digital modes. Tea and coffee are available as well as disabled access and toilet facilities. g0bnk@outlook.com

York Radio Club has an AM net on 144.550MHz at 8.30pm on Tuesday. Wednesday sees a club net via the GB3HG repeater from 8pm. On Thursday there will be a club night. yorkradioclub.uk

**NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Bangor and District Amateur Radio Society meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Marquis Hall, Abbey Street, Bangor, BT20 4JE from 7.30pm. For more information visit the Society’s Facebook page.

Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club meets at 8pm on the last Thursday of each month at the Services Club, Roemill Road, Limavady. The next meeting will be held this Thursday, the 25th. For more information visit bushvalleyarc.org

Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Sunday of every month from 3pm at Tandragee Golf Club. muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk

**NEWS FOR SCOTLAND**

Ayr Amateur Radio Group meets on alternate Fridays at Prestwick Community Centre from 7.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday the 26th of January. For details of club activities and nets visit gm0ayr.org Derek, MM0OVD, 0742 899 4614

Cockenzie and Port Seton Amateur Radio Club usually meets on the first Friday of the month for a Club night in the lounge bar of the Thorntree Inn. The next meeting will be held in February. Bob, GM4UYZ, 01875 811723, [cpsarc.com](http://www.cpsarc.com)

Caithness Amateur Radio Society has club nets at 2pm on Wednesday and Saturday on 3.740MHz. There are club meetings on Thursdays in the Skirza Clubhouse, near John O’Groats. Nigel, MM7BWT, Mansfield.n27@gmail.com

Dundee Amateur Radio Club holds open nets on Wednesdays from 7.30pm via the GB3AG repeater. On Tuesday, members are meeting at Dundee College, Kingsway Campus from 7pm. Martin, 2M0KAU, 07763 708 933

The DV Scotland Phoenix Monday Night Net operates every Monday from 8pm to 9.30pm with MM3XGP. This is via all DV Scotland Phoenix repeaters on Talk Group 23556, time Slot 2. In addition, via Allstar HUB 53937, D-Star reflector XLX600D and System Fusion Reflector 0-DVSPh. The Coast-to-Coast Net takes place on Saturdays, from 9 to 10pm, with GM5DVS. Details of how to connect are at dvsph.net

On Monday, Edinburgh and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 433.525MHz from 8pm. GM1CNH, 0774 094 6192

Galashiels and District Amateur Radio Society meets in the Focus Centre, Livingstone Place, Galashiels at 8pm on Wednesdays. Jim Keddie, mail@gm7lun.co.uk

The Glasgow University Wireless Society runs a net on 145.525MHz on Mondays, from 6pm. All radio amateurs are welcome to join the net which is controlled by the club callsign GS4AGU. [gm5aug@topple.scot](mailto:gm5aug@topple.scot)

Glenrothes and District Radio Club’s Tuesday and Thursday natter nets continue at 7.30pm on 145.425MHz FM. Check-in is open from 7.15pm. Eric, GM4FQE, 01333 450 753

On Wednesday, Inverness and District Amateur Radio Society is holding its AGM. For more information, email invernessradiosociety@gmail.com

On Sunday afternoons, Kilmarnock and Loudon Amateur Radio Club has a net on 3720kHz from 2pm. This is followed by a quiz on 145.475MHz from 7.45pm on Sunday evenings. From 7.30pm on Monday, there will be a question-and-answer night via Zoom. On Tuesday, the Club’s AGM will be held at its clubhouse, and via Zoom, from 7.30pm. klarcinfo@gmail.com

Kingdom Amateur Radio Society has nets on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 7pm on 144.750MHz. Steve, MM0SKX, 0771 105 9343

Livingston and District Amateur Radio Society has a club night at the Crofthead Centre on Tuesday from 7pm. On Thursday, there is a net on 145.575MHz at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in. Robin, GM0ERT, 07880 992 377

Largs and District Amateur Radio Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Largs Museum, 2 Manse Court, Largs, KA30 8AW. James, GM0GMN, QTHR

Lomond Radio Club meets each Thursday evening in the club rooms at the John Connolly Centre in Renton at 7.30pm. The Club is now also open on Sunday afternoons for general activities and operating. Simon, MM0XME, mm0xme@outlook.com

The Lomond Sunday Night Net takes place every week over the winter months with check-in from 7.45pm. All the usual ways to join in are available, via Echolink MB7IBH-L and on 145.3375MHz locally across the Clyde Coast.Paul, MM3DDQ mm3ddq@gmail.com

On Wednesday, Lothians Radio Society will be enjoying a presentation by Andy, MM0FMF entitled ‘SOTA and the QRP Labs QCX HF Transceiver’. secretary@lothiansradiosociety.com

Mid Lanarkshire Amateur Radio Society has a ragchew on talk group 23550 from 8pm to 10pm on Wednesday. On Thursday, there is a net on 70.425MHz from 8pm. Friday sees the club meeting at Newarthill Community Education Centre, Newarthill, ML1 5JU from 7pm. Simon, 2M0LSG, secretary@mlars.co.uk

The Moray Firth Amateur Radio Society will be meeting from 7pm this Tuesday at the Reserve Centre, Elgin. Tea and Coffee are available, and all are welcome. mfars.secretary@gmail.com

Paisley Amateur Radio Club holds a net on Mondays from 8pm on 144.550MHz and on Zello. Tuesday sees a DMR net in room 4415 from 8pm. On Thursday, there is an FM net on 144.550MHz and on Zello from 7.30pm. Stuart, MM0PAZ, 0742 665 0757

Stirling Amateur Radio Society meets at the Club House, Throsk, FK7 7XY at 7pm on Thursday. The club is open for projects and operating on Sundays from 10am. For more information email secretary@gm6nx.com

West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society has its usual Solder Group meeting from 6pm on Wednesday at Sauchihall Street. On Friday, there is a club night at 8pm in the Clubrooms at Garnethill Multicultural Community Centre, 21 Rose Street, Glasgow. For further information contact Pat, 2M1CKE at macrobius@btinternet.com or visit wosars.club

Wigtownshire Amateur Radio Club, together with Dumfries and Galloway RAYNET group, has an open net on GB3DG every day at noon. All are welcome. There is also a net on the GB3DG repeater every Thursday from 7.15pm, then joining via Zoom from 8pm. Oli, info@gm4riv.org

To have your net listed on the West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society’s website, or to report any changes, contact Tony, MM0TMZ by email via rr1@rsgb.org.uk Please also keep GB2RS updated via email to radcom@rsgb.org.uk

**NEWS FOR THE SOUTH EAST and EAST ANGLIA**

On Wednesday, Bishop's Stortford Amateur Radio Society has its net from 8pm on 145.5625MHz. All are welcome to join in. bsars.org/history.htm

On Sundays, Bracknell Amateur Radio Club has a net via the GB3BN repeater from 5pm. Wednesday sees a net on 145.375MHz FM from 8pm. secretary@g4bra.org.uk

On Tuesday, Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society will be watching a video entitled ‘Setting up and using N1MM+’. Members will be meeting in the clubhouse from 8pm. secretary@badars.co.uk

Bromley and District Amateur Radio Society usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 8pm. Andy, G4WGZ, 01689 878 089

Burnham Beeches Radio Club has its net from 10.30am on Sundays starting on 145.500MHz, before changing frequency to 145.275MHz. Greg, G4EBY, ebytronics@gmail.com

Bury St Edmunds Amateur Radio Society meets at Rougham Tower Museum on the third Wednesday of each Month. It is a small but very active club. There are club nets every day of the week except Sunday. Details can be found on the club’s website. The club’s general chat frequencies are 144.7375MHz FM and 433.400MHz FM. bsears.co.uk

On Sundays, Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society has a CW net on 144.060MHz from 8pm. On Monday, there will be a Morse class from 7.30pm around 3542kHz, followed at 8.15pm by GB2CW slow Morse on 3555kHz. On Tuesday there will be an open net on 3756kHz from 8pm. Colin, G0TRM, secretary@g0mwt.org.uk

Chesham and District Amateur Radio Society is meeting at Ashley Green Memorial Hall from 8pm on Wednesday. For more information visit g3mdg.org.uk Malcolm, G3ZNU, 01494 890 840

On Sundays, Colchester Radio Amateurs Club has an open net on 28.350MHz from 7pm. On Monday, there will be a net on 70.425MHz from 7pm. On Tuesday there are nets on 433.425MHz from 7pm, and on 1.920MHz LSB from 8pm. Wednesday sees an open net around 145.350MHz from 8pm. The Thursday net will be on 3.685MHz from 7pm. On Friday, there will be an open DX net on 14.125MHz with assist on 145.350MHz from 2.30pm. markm0ltg@gmail.com

On Sundays, Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society has nets on 145.4MHz from 11am and on 3.7MHz from 5pm. On Wednesday, there will be a net around 70.425MHz from 9pm. secretary@catsradio.org.uk

Cray Valley Radio Society will be running a two-day Foundation course on the 16th and 23rd of March 2024. This is for any Foundation candidates who prefer face-to-face tuition with a paper exam at the end. The Society is located in Eltham, South East London. To apply online, follow the training tab at cvrs.org  There are still a few places remaining on the course. cvrs.org/training

Crawley Amateur Radio Club is holding its AGM on Wednesday. For more information visit carc.org.uk

On Sundays, Darenth Valley Radio Society has a net on 145.475MHz at 8am. Phil, M0IMA, m0ima@btinternet.com

Dorking and District Radio Society has a net each day from Monday to Saturday on 144.775MHz FM at 10am. Sue, M6XUV, ddrs.secretary@gmail.com

Essex Ham has a net on Monday via GB3DA from 8pm with chatroom and audio feed at essexham.net Pete, M0PSX, news@essexham.co.uk

On Sundays, Farnborough and District Radio Society has a net via the GB3FN repeater from 8pm. On Monday, there will be a net on 1.995MHz from 8pm. On Wednesday, members will be meeting to discuss their radio-related Christmas presents. Friday sees a net on 144.675MHz FM from 8pm. Mel, M0JMR, publicity@farnboroughradio.org.uk

On Sundays, Felixstowe and District Amateur Radio Society has a net on 145.400MHz from 10am. There will be an open net via GB3IH at 7.30pm on Wednesday. Mark, M5BOP, m5bop@hisimage.co.uk

On Thursday, Fort Purbrook Amateur Radio Club has an open net starting on 145.275MHz at 7.30pm, before moving to the GB3SH repeater at 8pm. The Club is meeting in Room FP-1 from 7pm on Friday. Rod, G4SPS, g4sps@fparc.org.uk

On Tuesday, Harlow and District Amateur Radio Society is having a technical evening. On Wednesday, there will be a net on 145.425MHz from 7.30pm. On Friday, the Society is meeting from 8pm. Visitors are welcome to attend. secretary@g6ut.com

Hastings Electronics and Radio Club holds a daily net on the GB3ES repeater at 10am. A CW net is held on Monday nights at 8pm on 144.575MHz. The net is aimed at anyone new to CW or wishing to brush up their CW skills. Non-members are welcome. The net is followed by general conversation. On Wednesdays, usually at 1pm, members meet up at various locations in the area for an afternoon of portable radio on the air using both HF and VHF bands on SSB, CW and FM voice. Non-members are welcome to visit. As the details vary each week, please visit www.hastings-electronics-radio-club.com on Wednesday mornings to view up-to-date information about the location and time of the meeting. Contact Richard via herc.hastings@gmail.com

On Monday, Hog’s Back Amateur Radio Club is meeting for a natter night. For more information visit hogsback-arc.org.uk

On Sundays, Horndean and District Amateur Radio Club has a CW net at 9am around 1950kHz, then SSB at 9.30am hosted by Stuart, G0FYX. There is also an 8pm net hosted by John, G6RST on 433.450MHz. On Monday, there will be a net around 1950kHz from 7.30pm. The net moves to 145.375MHz on Wednesday from 7.30pm. Members are meeting for a natter night and Intermediate licence training on Friday. hdarc.co.uk

On Sundays, the Isle of Wight Radio Society has a net via GB7PO and GB7MT from 8pm. The Society has a net from Monday to Friday via the GB3IW repeater from 6.15am. On Tuesday, the Society takes part in the Bramble Net via the GB3IW repeater from 7.30pm. On Thursday, there is another net via the GB3IW repeater, followed by a Zoom meeting from 8pm. On Friday, the G3SKY 4m net takes place from 7.15pm. iowrs.org

Itchen Valley Amateur Radio Club is meeting from 8pm on Friday. Chris, G7LWV, secretary@ivarc.org.uk

Loughton and Epping Forest Amateur Radio Society has a net on Wednesday from 8pm on Brandmeister DMR Talk Group 23511. Thursday sees a net from 8pm on 144.725MHz FM. On Friday, members will be meeting at All Saints House. Richard, G4DDP will be giving a talk on the construction of a simple 20 and 10m lightweight beam for portable operation. [secretary@lefars.org.uk](mailto:secretary@lefars.org.uk)

Lowestoft District and Pye Amateur Radio Club has a net on Sundays on 433.575MHz from 8pm. Tuesday sees a net on 145.475MHz from 8pm. The Club meets on Thursday evening from 7.30pm. The final net of the week is on Friday on 51.490MHz from 8pm. secretary@ldparc.co.uk

Medway Amateur Receiving and Transmitting Society nets take place each weekday from 9.30am on 144.650MHz. Roger, G0NRL, g0nrl@yahoo.com

On Friday, Mid Sussex Amateur Radio Society is having an ‘on-the-air’ night from 7.30pm. [progsec@midsussexars.org.uk](mailto:progsec@midsussexars.org.uk), [midsussexars.org.uk](https://lsems.gravityzone.bitdefender.com/scan/aHR0cHM6Ly9taWRzdXNzZXhhcnMub3JnLnVr/0DE5BF455449314C59FAB9D966F3D01531A8D5965778B8B23FB392AB5ACEEA1D?c=1&i=1&docs=1)

On Wednesday, Milton Keynes Amateur Radio Society has a net on 28.4MHz from 8pm. Members are meeting from 10.30am for coffee and chat via Zoom on Friday. Brendan, G8IXK, 07803 192604

On Friday, Newbury and District Amateur Radio Society is holding a surplus equipment and junk sale. Rob, G4LMW, 0797 088 5614, g4lmw@btconnect.com

Norfolk Amateur Radio Club has a net via GB3NB every Monday from 7.30pm, followed by a CW net on 3.543MHz at 8.30pm. Chris Danby, G0DWV, 01603 898 308, cmdanby@btinternet.com

On Thursday, Shefford and District Amateur Radio Society will be enjoying a video night. sadars.co.uk

On Wednesday, Southdown Amateur Radio Society is having a café meeting at 12.15pm. This will be followed by a net via the GB3ZX repeater from 2pm. sars.club

On Sundays, Surrey Radio Contact Club has a net on 1.905MHz at 9.30am. On Monday morning there will be a net on 3.710MHz from 9am. On Tuesday, there is a net on 51.55MHz from 8pm. Wednesday sees a net on 28.078MHz JS8 from 10am. On Thursday, the net is on 70.30MHz from 8pm. Friday sees a D-Star net on 144.6125MHz from 7.30pm and an FM net on 145.350MHz from 8pm. John, G3MCX, 020 8688 3322

On Friday, Thames Amateur Radio Group will be having a net via GB3DA or 145.300MHz if the repeater isn’t available. For more information see thamesarg.org.uk secretary@thamesarg.org.uk

On Fridays, Thurrock Acorns Amateur Radio Club has an open net around 145.500MHz FM from 7pm. taarc.co.uk

West Kent Amateur Radio Society has a daily net on 145.575MHz from 9am. On Sundays there is a net on 28.730MHz from 11am. Monday sees a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Wednesday, there will be a net on 51.51MHz from 8pm. Phil, G3MGQ, secretary@wkars.org.uk

**NEWS FOR THE SOUTH WEST**

On Sundays, Appledore and District Amateur Radio Club has a net on 1.860MHz from 9.30am, followed by an SSB net on 144.260MHz at 10.30am. The Club has weekday nets taking place from 4pm on 145.450MHz, except Wednesday when the net moves to 144.260MHz between 8 and 9pm. The Club’s Friday nets take place from 11am via GB3DN and on 145.450MHz at 8pm. John, G3JKL, secretary@adarc.co.uk

Join Callington and District Amateur Radio Society members for a chat on GB3JL from 8pm on Mondays. Guests and visitors to southeast Cornwall are always welcome at the Engine House Café every Wednesday from 1.30pm. See the Society’s website for further details. callingtonradiosociety.org.uk, Peter, G8BCG, 07801 413 241

On Sundays and Wednesdays, Flight Refuelling Amateur Radio Society has club nights from 7pm. The Society holds a Morse Academy every Thursday night from 7pm. Also on Thursdays, there are nets on 70.400MHz from 7pm, and on 145.375MHz from 8pm. Sue, info@frars.co.uk

On Wednesday, Gordano Amateur Radio Group is meeting at The Ship, 310 Down Road, Portishead, from 8pm. Malcolm, G4KPM, 07971 431125

Guernsey Amateur Radio Society has a net on Tuesday from 8pm on 145.525MHz. On Thursday the DMR net is from 8pm on GB7GY, talk group 23515, time slot 1. All are welcome to join in. On Friday, the club meets at the Bunker, Beau Sejour Leisure Centre from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Phil, GU0SUP, 07781 151 747

On Tuesdays, Isle of Avalon Amateur Radio Club has a net on 433.475MHz from 8pm. The net moves to 145.475MHz on Wednesdays from 8pm. A 10m net on 28.405MHz is held on Thursdays from 8pm. The Club meets on Fridays at Ivor’s Paddock from 6pm. Matt, 2E0FNT, 0730 554 9614

The Jersey Amateur Radio Society clubroom is now open on Friday evenings from 8pm. An old footpath has been reinstated to gain access from the Meteorological Radar Tower to Mast B. Please be very careful as the ground is uneven. You will need a torch if it is dark. Mike, GJ0PDJ on 07797 718390

Newquay and District Amateur Radio Society meets at Trevisker Saint Eval Community Centre, 750 Orion Drive, Wadebridge at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month. newquayradioclub.co.uk

On Sundays, Poole Radio Society has a net around 28.375MHz using SSB from 10am. On Mondays there is a net on 145.375MHz at 8pm. The net moves to 70.375MHz at 7pm on Tuesdays. On Fridays, there is a Zoom meeting at 7.30pm. secretary@g4prs.org.uk

The Radio Operators Cornwall South West Operators Net is held at 7.30pm via GB3NC on the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join in. g8roc.org.uk

On Thursday, Saltash and District Amateur Radio Club has a net via the GB3PL repeater from 7.30pm. Mark Chanter, M0WMB, 07810 548 445

Thornbury and South Gloucestershire Amateur Radio Club meets every Wednesday from 7.30pm at The Chantry, Thornbury. The Club has daily nets via the GB3ZB repeater from 10.30am. The Friday net is on 145.450MHz from 8pm. Terry, M0TJX secretary@tsgarc.uk, 07889 208 090

Stevenage and District Amateur Radio Society meets every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm at the Stevenage Resource Centre, Chells Way, Stevenage SG2 0LT. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are provided for all attending. A club net is usually organised each Tuesday evening from 8pm on 145.450MHz. Another net is held on Thursday evenings on the 80m band, close to 3.727MHz, using the club callsign G3SAD. Additional information can be found via the club website: sadars.com Nicolas, M1HOG, nicolas.jon.pike@gmail.com

The GB7SV repeater has moved from its previous home to a more-elevated location southwest of Hitchin. The repeater currently operates Yaesu System Fusion so both FM and C4FM modes can be used. The Stevenage Repeater Group, which owns and runs GB7SV, has taken the opportunity to significantly upgrade the repeater and the coverage is reported to be significantly better. The Group would like to get a feel for how well it is working so it is inviting and encouraging all radio amateurs to use the repeater and send reports either through its Facebook page or by email to g6yiq.m5aio@gmail.com If sending in a report, please quote your location, mode used, power and antenna details.

On Sundays, Torbay Amateur Radio Society has nets on 14.270MHz at 9.30am and 145.575MHz at 12pm. On Monday, there are nets on 3.663MHz at 10.30am, 1.982MHz at 8pm and 50.155MHz at 8.30pm. Tuesday sees members meeting at 7.30pm, followed by a net on 3.663MHz from 9.15pm. On Wednesday, the Society has nets on 14.270MHz from 9.30am and on 3.663MHz from 10.30am. The Society meets on Fridays from 7.30pm. Saturday sees a net on net 3.663MHz from at 10am. kerry@m0kre.net

Yeovil Amateur Radio Club is meeting on Thursday. For more information visit

yeovil-arc.com secretary@yeovil-arc.com

**NEWS FOR WALES**

The next meeting of Aberdare and District Amateur Radio Society will be held on Friday the 2nd of February at Hirwaun YMCA Hall, CF44 9RB from 6pm. Ian Miles 2W0IWM, info@aberdareradio.club

Aberkenfig and District Amateur Radio Club has its weekly meeting on Wednesday from 7pm at Tondu Railway Club, Station Approach, Bridgend. The club is an approved RSGB Examination Centre for those wishing to study and take their amateur radio exams. Brian, GW4DVB, info@aberkenfigradioclub.co.uk

On Tuesday, Barry Amateur Radio Society is meeting from 6.30pm. There will be a club net on 144.550MHz from 8pm on Wednesday. On Friday, there will be a Zoom meeting from 7pm hosted by Glyn, GW0ANA. Steve, 2W0VOG, 07900 560 080

Carmarthen Amateur Radio Society is holding four regular nets this week: a multimode digital net on XLX490 D on Tuesday starting at 8pm; a 70cm FM net on GB3CM on Wednesday starting at 7.30pm; a 2m FM net on GB3FG on Thursday starting at 8pm; and an 80m SSB net, conditions permitting, on Sunday starting at 2.30pm. Andy, GW0JLX on 07768 282880

Cwmbran and District Amateur Radio Society has a club night every Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm at Henllys Village Hall, NP44 6JZ. New and old members are always welcome. The Society has a fully-equipped shack for member use which also houses the GB3YA repeater, with an Echolink connection via GB3YA-R, which are both owned and maintained by the club. Why not join the Monday evening net on 145.712.5MHz, CTCSS 94.8, with a 600kHz split, from 7.30pm. Ken Smith, 07411 595 103, mc0yad.club

On Sundays, Dragon Amateur Radio Club has a net around 145.550MHz from 7pm. On Monday and Thursday there will be a net via the GB3AN repeater and Wires-X Room 86178 from 7pm. secretary@gmx.co.uk

Highfields Amateur Radio Club meets at Rhiwbina Recreation Club, Lon Y Dail, Cardiff, CF14 6EA at 7pm every Tuesday. The Club has access for disabled visitors. There are nets on GB3WB from 9.30pm to 10.30pm most nights of the week. harcmemsec@gmail.com

On Sundays, Newport Amateur Radio Society has an HF net around 7.1MHz from 10am. On Tuesday, there will be a net on 145.375MHz from 8pm. On Thursday, there will be a meeting at the Society’s clubhouse from 7pm.

Rhondda Amateur Radio Society meets at Ystrad, Rhondda Sports Centre, CF41 7SY on Tuesdays. More information about the Society can be found by visiting gw2fof.co.uk John, GW4BUZ, 01443 432 542

On Monday, St Tybie Amateur Radio Society has a net on 3.739MHz from 11am. Thursday sees a meeting in the portacabin adjacent to Saron Hall, SA18 3LN from 7pm.

Uskside Amateur Radio Club meets every Thursday from 7 to 9pm at the Indoor Bowls Centre, Glebelands Stadium, Bank Street, Newport, NP19 7HF. On Tuesdays there is a net on 145.550MHz from 7pm. [usksidearc.newport@gmail.com](mailto:usksidearc.newport@gmail.com)